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SUBJ: AVAILABILITY OF UNLEADED GAS IN JAPAN

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI), UNLEADED GASOLINE IS
SOLD AT EVERY COMMERCIAL GAS STATION IN JAPAN. NEW JAPANESE
AUTOMOBILES ARE ALSO EQUIPPED WITH CATALYTIC CONVERTERS AND
MUST USE UNLEADED GASOLINE. EMBASSY UNABLE TO PROVIDE
PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF LEADED AND UNLEADED GASSOLD IN JAPAN.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S.
MILITARY POST EXCHANGE SYSTEM IN JAPAN THAT UNLEADED GAS IS
NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH PX GAS STATIONS. DOD EMPLOYEES
WOULD PRESUMABLY USE PX GAS OVER COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE GAS
AS JAPANESE GASOLINE COSTS ALMOST THREE TIMES AS MUCH AS PX
GASOLINE. AVAILABILITY OF UNLEADED GAS IN JAPAN IS, THEREFORE,
NO ASSURANCE OF USE OF UNLEADED GAS IN AUTOS OF U.S. MILITARY
PERSONNEL.
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